

Appln. No.: 10/079,338
Amendment dated December 2, 2004
Reply to Office Action of November 2, 2004

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

In the Office Action mailed November 2, 2004, claims 1-32 were deemed subject to a restriction. More specifically, restriction is required for Group I (claims 1-5, 12-22, and 32) and Group II (Claims 6-11 and 23-31).

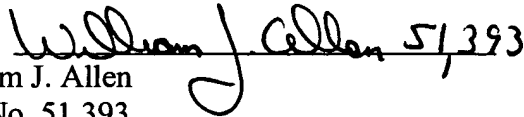
By this Response, the Applicant provisionally elects Group II without traverse. Claims 1-5, 12-22, and 32 have been withdrawn.

The Applicant's election is without prejudice or admission with respect to the Applicant's right to re-file the withdrawn claims in a continuing application. No new matter has been introduced into the application. The claims as now presented are believed to be in allowable condition. The Applicant respectfully requests consideration of the application and allowance of all pending claims. Please feel free to contact the undersigned should any questions arise with respect to this case that may be addressed by telephone.

Respectfully submitted,

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